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The King's Road Writers Series presents....

Bret Lott

photo by Marni Rothschild

What are the "ingredients" of an Oprah Book Club pick? On November 4, **Bret Lott** gave The King's Road Writers Series' audience a sample by reading from his bestselling novel *Jewel,* which was the February 1999 Oprah Book Club featured selection.

Published in hardcover in 1991 and in paperback in 1992, *Jewel* deals with a mother's struggle for the dignity of her youngest child, a victim of birth defect. *The Boston Globe* raved, "In *Jewel*, (Lott) apples his art to a broad canvas and produces what may stand as his masterpiece."

During his visit to UNCW, Mr. Lott also met individually with MFA students, visited a fiction writing workshop, and held a question-and-answer forum in Randall Library Auditorium. He donated copies of his books to be sold to benefit The King's Road Writers Series.

Mr. Lott is the author of four other highly acclaimed novels, *The Man Who Owned Vermont*, *A Stranger's House*, *Reed's Beach*, and *The Hunt Club*, as well as two collections of short stories, *A Dream of Old Leaves* and *How to Get Home*, and a memoir, *Fathers, Sons, and Brothers*. His latest novel *Dead Low Tide* is a sequel to the literary mystery *The Hunt Club* and is due out soon.

After an early religious experience, Mr. Lott said he "went home to Southern California to study Marine Biology, then quit and became an RC Cola salesman, then went back to school to become an English major, and took a creative writing class." He

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Coastal Ocean Monitoring

Due to the urgency of flooding problems caused by Hurricane Floyd, UNCW marine scientists began monitoring the physical, chemical and biological characteristics of the coastal ocean in the Cape Fear region immediately after the storm. This study also includes the plume of the Cape Fear River and the continental shelf in northern Long Bay and southern Onslow Bay.

"The monitoring project will provide important information about a variety of coastal ocean features and processes," said **Dr. Larry Cahoon**, professor of biological sciences and Coastal Ocean Monitoring principal investigator. "As the nation's population and economic activities are increasingly concentrated near the coasts, proper stewardship of our coastal resources will require routine collection of important data, leading to better knowledge and understanding, which will in turn improve forecasting and management."

The first major efforts made by this project include a variety of responses to the flooding caused by Hurricane Floyd, including assessments of water quality impacts on the Cape Fear River Estuary and nearby ocean, surveillance for algal blooms that may result from flood-driven nutrient loading, analysis of impacts on fishes and bottom-dwelling animals, assessment of pollutant loading effects, and studies of impacts on marine birds and mammals.

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Larry Cahoon and colleague testing water samples

According to Dr. Cahoon, early results indicate major impacts on levels of dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and chemical composition of river water flowing into the sea. These studies have also been supported by additional resources made available from the UNC Sea Grant program, the National Sea Grant Program, the National Undersea Research Center at UNCW, and the Duke-UNC Oceanographic Consortium in response to the flooding event.

The scientific team working on the coastal ocean monitoring project

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Dean's Remarks

CAS Survives Hurricane Floyd

photo by Kathy Rugoff

Jo Ann Seiple
Dean

A series of hurricanes, ending most notably with Hurricane Floyd, posed a myriad of challenges to the College of Arts and Sciences in the fall, but the CAS not only survived the onslaught of storms, but also performed admirably in spite of them.

Lost time resulting from canceled classes was regained through the cancellation of fall break and the usually open reading day before final exams. The course withdrawal period was extended to accommodate students who needed more time to see if they could pass their classes. Many professors scheduled special review sessions before final exams to help their students tie the semester's course work together.

The opening of the new Center for Marine Science at Myrtle Grove has been delayed, and for a period, construction of the college's new classroom building was put on hold while legislators debated ways to fund the region's recovery from the widespread regional devastation caused by Hurricane Floyd. Thankfully, that building project is back on track, and ground will be broken sometime in late March or early April.

A number of CAS events were also either canceled or delayed, but there were some triumphant successes as well. Attendance at the Music Department's concerts rose by 45% from the previous fall, with many audiences ranging from 400 to 600 attendees. The Department of Art and Theatre's production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado about Nothing* had to schedule extra performances, as sell-out audiences packed the Standing Room Only theatre to see the witty and creative adaptation directed by **Dr. Renee Vincent.** The department's visiting artist, oil painter **Helen Mirkil**, was also well-received by students and townspeople at her October show of self-portraits, as well as her evening presentation and reception. Author **Bret Lott** dazzled a packed audience during the Department of Creative Writing's first public reading in *The Kings Road Writing Series.* The semester ended on a joyful note as more than 600 people jammed the Warwick Center Ballroom for a special free screening of *It's A Wonderful Life* sponsored by the Film Studies Program in December. **Frank Capra, Jr.**, and sons **Jonathan** and **Frank, III**, were on hand to sign autographs during the pre-screening reception and to discuss the production after showing the family's own print of the film.

Successes weren't limited only to the college's arts program, however. By the end of December, 36 CAS faculty had obtained more than $3,240,000 in funding from external grants to support their research. We expect equal funding success throughout the spring and early summer, as a number of other major projects are expected to receive approval.

The spring semester is also the college's prime time for recruiting new faculty. This year we are searching for 23 new tenure-track faculty in 13 departments, as well as new chairs for the Departments of Political Science and Mathematics and Statistics.

Much more will be happening as well, but I will save that news until next time.

Monitoring

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includes several working groups focusing on more specific aspects of coastal ocean science. Each of these components is complemented by other ongoing projects, so the net return from this effort is multiplied.

"We hope this project will evolve into a larger, more comprehensive monitoring effort with additional partners and collaborations," said Dr. Cahoon. "Regional and national-level scientists and policy makers have begun to come to consensus that comprehensive ocean monitoring is an important national need, so we look for this program to become a model for the larger efforts that need to follow."

Faculty working on the program include group leaders: **Dr. Michael Mallin**, research scientist, UNCW Center for Marine Science; **Dr. Steve Skrabal**, assist.professor of chemistry; **Dr. Lynn Leonard**, assoc. professor of earth sciences; **Dr. David Lindquist**, curator of fishes of biological sciences; **Dr. Steve Emslie**, assist. professor of biological sciences; **Dr. Fred Bingham**, assoc. professor of physics and physical oceanography; and **Dr. Art Spivack,** professor of earth sciences. Also assisting with the project is is **Dr. Lian Xie**, assist. professor of physical oceanography, NC State. A total of 20 faculty are involved.

UNCW has received a grant of $730,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Office for first-year funding of the Coastal Ocean Monitoring Program.

Internship Anyone?...

Internships at the UNCW are designed to provide students who are juniors and seniors an opportunity to gain valuable hands-on experience in the workplace while simultaneously earning academic credit toward graduation. During the fall semester of 1999, one hundred twenty-seven students took advantage of this opportunity. Of these, ninety-two students came from nine majors within the College of Arts and Sciences, including art, communication studies, computer science, English, environmental sciences, foreign languages and literature, political science, recreation, and theatre.

Two students in environmental science completed a particularly challenging internship abroad recently. Working for the Belize Audubon

Ashley Hutchins working on educational signs for the Green Knowledge Trail in the Cockscomb Wildlife Sanctuary in Belize.

Society, seniors **Ashley Hutchens** and **Lila Thomas** spent thirteen weeks at the Cockscomb Wildlife Sanctuary and Preserve deep in the jungle of Belize. The park, six miles from the nearest Mayan village, is a 120,000-acre haven for jaguars, pumas, ocelots, jaguarondis, margays, and other wild animals.

Part of Ashley and Lila's duties included developing environmental education materials to be distributed in the Mayan schools of Belize. They also helped maintain the park's main trail and developed informational signs, which were posted along the trail for tourists visiting the park.

Constantly battling mosquitoes and living in a two-room cabin with no phone, no electricity, and no hot water, Ashley and Lila's living conditions were far from luxurious. In fact, they had to wash their clothes on a wash-board in a river. Nonetheless, "The whole experience was great," commented Ashley. "I wasn't ready to come back." When asked about what she gained from her time in the jungle, Ashley disclosed, "...strength and a great sense of independence. You also learn to appreciate what you have here in America." When asked if she would do it again, Ashley responded, "In a heartbeat!"

Gerontology Program ...*Emergency Preparedness...*

How older adults in southeastern North Carolina dealt with emergency preparedness measures during this year's hurricanes is one focus of the UNCW Generations Together Service Learning Project, which will be conducted January 2000.

The study, conducted by the Gerontology Program, is in conjunction with Project ROAR (Raising Older Adults Rights), a collaborative project involving public and private sector human service agencies in New Hanover County.

Students enrolled in the studying for a post-baccalaureate certificate, as well as undergraduate students, will interview older adults. Through a series of conversations, students will collect and analyze participants' life histories as well as their experiences dealing with hurricanes and readiness efforts. The project is being funded

Eleanor Covan
Director

through a grant from the University of Pittsburgh/Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

"This is an important project that will provide practical hands-on training for students and gather much-needed information in the planning efforts of service providers related to older adults," said **Dr. Eleanor Covan**, director of the gerontology program.

This fall the university accepted students for the post-baccalaureate certificate offered by the Gerontology Program. The program offers students the opportunity to remain employed in the community while furthering their education. Professionals working with older adults can improve job skills through the hands-on training, research, and theory taught in program. It complements practical skills used on the job.

Bret Lott

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strives to reflect his strong personal values in his literary works.

A resident of Charleston, SC, Mr. Lott holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and teaches at College of Charleston and Vermont College.

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CAS Alumni...

Julie Polak

B.A. Communication Studies '97

During her senior year, **Julie Polak** completed **Dr. Patricia Comeaux's** senior seminar; Interactive Video Conferencing: Training and Development. She became fascinated with the application possibilities of the distance learning network of the North Carolina Information Highway. Consistent with her boundless energy and determination, Julie initiated an internship in telemedicine in her hometown of Charlotte at Carolinas Health Care System. Her ability to apply what she learned in her communication studies courses and to bring a human communication perspective into a technical world made her a valuable addition to the telemedicine department at the medical center. After graduation, Julie turned her internship into a career, becoming a full time employee as a telemedicine applications specialist. Her major responsibilities include coordinating the numerous affiliate sites for videoconferences and training site coordinators and end users in technical and communication skills. Since Julie now understands both worlds (technical and human communication), she often serves as a liaison between technical and medical personnel, translating and facilitating communication.

Julie returns to UNCW each semester via the video conferencing network of the North Carolina Information Highway to speak with students in communication studies classes. She describes her process of initiating an internship and how it evolved into a career. In addition to demonstrating and explaining the applications of telemedicine, Julie illustrates how she applies her UNCW degree in the work place. She encourages students to pursue their dreams and advises them to take advantage of their college life with its many learning opportunities. Julie Polak provides a powerful presence for communication studies majors. Students rave about their dialogue with her. As one student put it: "She helped lessen my fears about the transition from college to career."

Julie has made the transition with distinction and was honored as the department's outstanding alumna at last year's annual banquet.

Charlie Hu

M.S. Mathematics '95

Wenlan Lu

M.S. Mathematics '96

Charlie Hu and **Wenlan Lu,** who are married and reside in Raleigh with their three year old son, both earned the master's degree in mathematics at UNCW. Each earned the B.S. from Huazhong University, which is located in central China along the Yangzi River.

After graduating, Wenlan worked first developing software for physicians and hospitals and then did systems analysis as a senior specialist at Nortel Networks, Inc. She is now a lead analyst/developer for Supply Chain Management, where she is responsible for implementation and support of new software. She has won several professional awards.

Charlie used his teaching assistant experience at UNCW by teaching at Fayetteville Community College after graduation, and then moved to Medic Computer Systems as a communication analyst/system programmer. He next worked at IBM and is now a senior systems developer at Nortel, where he is developing a new manufacturing management system.

Wenlan and Charlie both give credit to their studies at UNCW with giving them the skills at logical analysis that have made their careers successful.

Scott P. Ramey

B.A. Philosophy '98

When **Scott Ramey** first came to UNCW, the thought of majoring in philosophy and religion was the farthest thing from his mind. When he discovered that a 'dyed in the wool' sceptic could find understanding, support, and challenge in these disciplines, he discovered that the major was right for him.

Scott became a serious student of philosophy. Through hard work and determination, he transformed himself into a highly motivated, well-disciplined, rigorous, and systematic thinker. He never gave up his skepticism, but rather honed his skeptical skills in analysis, criticism, and debate. He did outstanding work in social and political philosophy, ethics, philosophy of religion, and logic. His professors noted his growth and improvement all along the way and encouraged him to pursue his dream of becoming a philosophy professor.

Scott is currently enrolled as a graduate student in logic at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas. The same drive and progress that characterized his undergraduate training continues to guide him in his post-graduate studies. Scott's talent, hard work, and specialized focus on logic with some of the nation's leading logicians make his career plans very promising.

Roger Shew

B.A. Earth Sciences '76
Honors: Biology & Geology

Roger Shew returned to his roots, southeastern North Carolina, in May 1999 after spending 20 years in the petroleum industry. After UNCW, he entered the graduate program in geology at UNC-CH, completing a M.S. in 1979. With some reservation, he left North Carolina in 1979 for Shell Oil Co. in New Orleans because he wanted industrial experience in preparation for a career in teaching, and because his wife **Dale** (B.S. Biology '76) had the opportunity to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In New Orleans, Roger worked as a development geologist, drilling wells, maintaining leases and developing strategies for petroleum extraction. After five years, Roger was sent to Shell's research facility in Bellaire, Texas, on a two-year assignment which quickly turned into 10 years. While there, he had the opportunity to work in reservoir geology and to initiate pioneer exploration work in the area of deepwater sedimentary systems. This work culminated in his writing over 150 internal Shell reports and over 30 papers for peer reviewed journals. Four of Roger's talks/papers were selected as best at meetings of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

During Roger's free time he entered the PhD program in geology at the University of Houston and completed all course work and his comprehensives. However, his demanding schedule at Shell never permitted him time to complete his dissertation. He did, however, complete a M.S.E. at the University of Houston. Armed with his degree, Roger organized field trips and workshops for earth science teachers in the Houston area for several years, and workshops for teachers to the Guadalupe Mountains National Park through New Mexico State University. After 10 years in exploration and production work at Shell's research lab, Roger took an instructor position for Shell.

During his last five years with the company, he taught various topics to new hires as well as seasoned veterans about production and exploration geology. Although Roger retired in May from Shell after 20 years, he continues to be active in teaching. During fall 1999 he taught Environmental Geology at UNCW, 4 workshops for Shell in Houston, and two workshops for teachers in the Guadalupe Mountains.

Roger's success demonstrates that UNCW produces top quality individuals who often have the desire to share their knowledge and education with today's students. The Department of Earth Sciences is delighted to have Roger associated with it again.

Faculty Garner Research, Curriculum Awards...

Twenty-seven faculty from 17 departments in have been awarded CAS Summer Research or Curriculum Developments Initiatives for 2000, while another 17 have received the university's Cahill Awards to support their research

Research initiative award recipients and their research topics include the following: **Todd Berliner,** English, 1970s films; **Don Bushman**, English, the collected papers of **George Herbert Mead**; **Yixen Chen,** history, attempts to organize the peasant population in China; **Clayton Ferner**, computer science, parallel computing; **Don Furst**, art & theatre, the etching of photopolymer copper plates; **Hal Langfur**, history, frontier settlers, slaves, and indians in Minas Gerais, Brazil; **John Karlof**, mathematics and statistics, the application of mathematical programming/operations research to radioactive waste facility policy; **Xin Lu,** mathematics and statistics, numerical solutions of reaction diffusion equations; **Patrick McKay**, psychology, cognitive ability testing; **Michael Messina**, chemistry, the chemical fate of pollutants in the environment; **Alison Murray**, foreign languages and literatures, the effects of film on social change in France; **Michael Perko**, HPER, coach awareness of the use/non-use of dietary supplements by adolescent athletes in the public schools; **Jammie Price**, sociology, anthropology, and criminal justice, emergency care for children in North Carolina; **Karan Smith**, mathematics and statistics, effective teaching of discrete mathematics in the public schools; **Lynne Snowden**, sociology, anthropology, and criminal justice, the effects of the 1996 Immigration Law's benefit provisions on southeastern North Carolina's migrant farm workers affected by Hurricane Floyd; **Virginia Stewart,** history, consumer goods in late colonial America; and **Barbara Waxman**, English, bilingualism and biculturalism as revealed in authobiography.

Recipients of summer initiatives for curriculum development include the following: **David Berman**, computer Science, redesign of CSC 121; **Bill Bolduc**, communications studies, advanced video production courses, including underwater field experience; **David Evans**, sociology, anthropology, and criminal justice, new course in environmental crime; **Candace Gauthier**, philosophy & religion, new course in media ethics; **Joanne Halls**, earth sciences, preparation for GIS training workshops for faculty and staff across the university; **Rebecca Jones**, chemistry, new lab manual for CHM 103; **Stephen Meinhold**, political science, undergraduate and graduate courses in administrative law; **John Myers**, art & theatre, creation of a digital image database for art history courses; **Terry Theodore**, art & theatre, new course in film history; and **David Weber**, communication studies, design of case materials for inclusion in organizational communication courses.

Cahill Awards went to the following faculty to support their research: **Craig Bailey**, biological sciences, intervening sequence found in chromophyte algae genes; **Herbert Berg**, philosophy and religion, early Ishlam under three caliphs; **Caroline Clements,** psychology, domestic battering; **Darwin Dennison,** HPER, nutrition intervention with middle school students; **Dargan Frierson,** mathematics and statistics, statistical software; **Philip Furia,** creative writing, biography of **Johnny Mercer**; **Lisa Jenkins,** psychology, cognitive performance, aging, and medical procedures; **Hal Langfur,** history, frontier settlers, slaves, and Indians in Minas Gerais, Brazil; **Pierre Lapaire,** foreign languages and literatures, a critical evaluation of **Philippe Djian**; **Patrick McKay,** psychology, task-specific information process tests and conscientiousness; **Michael Messina,** chemistry, low-barrier hydrogen bonds; **Gene Tagliarini** and **Sridhar Narrayan,** both in computer science, use of digital maps in determining road conditions and alternate routes; **David Padgett,** biological sciences and **Michael Messina,** chemistry, human health risks associated with environmental pollution; **Jammie Price,** sociology, anthropology, and criminal justice, heterosexist attitudes and homophobic acts; **Paul Shotsberger,** mathematics and statistics, online transcript data analysis; **David White,** chemistry, crystallographic studies of chiral recognition; and **Ami Wilbur,** biological sciences, genetic structure of locally adapted populations of the Atlantic Silverside, Menidia.

Provost Appointed

Dr. John C. Cavanaugh has joined UNCW as the new provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"All I have ever wanted to do in life is teach at the college level."

As the chief academic officer he guides UNCW's scholastic mission. For one who loves teaching, assuming this administrative job could be seen as a departure. "That's not the case. As an advocate for the UNCW academic community, my first priority is to the learning environment. I want UNCW to be the best possible place for students and faculty to learn."

Dr. Cavanaugh earned a B.S. in psychology from University of Delaware and M.S. and Phd. from University of Notre Dame.

Dobo Hall Named...

The university has accepted the largest gift commitment in its history to date.

Alumni and brothers Gabriel William 'Bill' and Robert 'Bob' Ridgely Dobo and their wives Barbara and Dorothy have established charitable trusts which will provide $5,000,000 to UNCW. Both brothers attended UNCW when it was Wilmington College in the late 1940's and early 1950's. UNCW celebrated this wonderful commitment on October 28 with the UNCW Board of Trustees, faculty, students, and many friends during the naming ceremony of Dobo Hall.

l-r: Bill & Barbara Dobo, Bill Cooper (chair, chemistry), Scott Quackenbush (chair, biological sciences) Dorothy & Bob Dobo

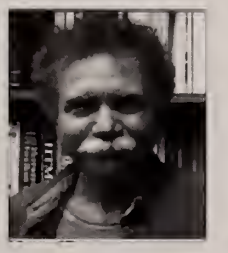
Formerly known as the new science building, Dobo Hall is home to the Departments of Biological Sciences and Chemistry.

Updated Computer Science Lab...

The Department of Computer Science celebrated their new student laboratory with an open house January 4, 2000. This facility was converted from an electronics laboratory so that the department could support updating its curriculum to give students hands-on experience with specialized hardware and software. The laboratory is to be used for student research, students doing group projects in senior level courses, and for upper level coursework utilizing software or hardware which cannot be made available in general purpose computer facilities. The laboratory now contains 20 computers, 6 of which are dedicated to student experimentation with computer networking, network security, and operating systems. Printers, scanners, and a CD-ROM burner are also available in the lab. Plans are to add a Beowulf-class array of computers working in parallel by the fall semester.

New lab in Bear Hall

Kitchen Chemistry...



Jimmy Reeves
Chemistry

Anytime, Anywhere Chemistry Experience, or 'Kitchen Chemistry', is being developed by **Dr. Jimmy Reeves**, associate professor, Department of Chemistry, and **Dr. Doris Kimbrough**, University of Colorado at Denver. The course in which the labs will be implemented is designed for professionals who have other commitments that don't allow them to come back to campus. All the notes, assignments and interactive materials are to be available on the Internet.

Labs are designed so students can conduct the experiments at home, performing quantitative measurements with household chemicals. Any experiments that cannot be conducted in a kitchen are performed by graduate students in on-campus laboratories and put on videotapes which are then sent to the on-line students.

The on-line course will also be available to both Cape Fear and Brunswick Community Colleges, but students will come to the campuses for weekly laboratory/recitation sessions taught by their community college instructor.

The distance learning course will require more discipline from students. They will not be in a traditional classroom setting with a teacher giving a lecture or reinforcing what homework needs to be done each week. The course is most appropriate for those who know how to budget their time and who know the importance of keeping up with the work.

Dr. Reeves is co-principal investigator on a $960,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education to create laboratories for an online general chemistry course.

Art and Theatre

The department has been a busy place the past few months. Art program classes are overflowing struggling with the mixed blessing of high student enrollment. A new class in collage is being offered, with intermediate and advanced paintings classes being taught at the Cowan House at St. John's Museum of Art. Teaching at St. John's, which was initiated because of the space crunch in Kenan Hall, has been a terrific experience for the students—and for St. John's. Visitors to the museum have commented on how it enriches the environment of the museum to see artists at work. Students have loved being able to visit the museum during class and to paint from the landscape of downtown Wilmington. In the meantime, university theatre students produced Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* in the SRO Theatre. Directed by **Dr. Renee Vincent**, the play presented the challenge of staging a play with a cast of fifteen in a small studio space. In an innovative design set in Little Italy, New York in 1959, Dr. Vincent and the design team of **Alex Sargent, Heather Laska,** and **Scott McElheney** used the Kenan Hall courtyard for entrances, kept the sets to a minimum, and enhanced the performances with stylish costumes, masks, and lighting. The production sold out every night, including two performances added by popular demand. Theatre students, operating under their production name S.T.A.G.E., also sold out their performances of one-act plays, which were staged in late November.

Biological Sciences

Six faculty joined the biology department this fall. **Dr. Alina Szmant** from the University of Miami works on the physiology and reproduction of hard corals. **Dr. Carmelo Tomas** from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection focuses his research on the ecology of harmful algal blooms. Also from the department, **Dr. Ami Wilbur** (UNCW B.S. in 1985) joined the faculty. Her research area is mariculture of shellfish. **Dr. Craig Bailey** (UNCW B.S. in 1990) came from the Bigelow labs in Maine. His work focuses on the phylogeny of marine algae. **Dr. Linda Potts** joined us as an instructor in biology. **Laura Reuss** (UNCW M.S. in 1999) is now the undergraduate lab coordinator. In addition, **Cathy Olson** is the advising coordinator. She is responsible for sophomore and junior advisement of biology and marine biology majors. In other news, **Dr. Larry Cahoon** and colleagues began their NOAA grant for coastal ocean monitoring in time to document the effects of hurricane Floyd on the Cape Fear region. **Dr. Posey** and colleagues received a NSF-CRUI grant to work on juvenile blue crabs. This will support ten undergraduate interns doing research in the labs of six faculty for the next 4 years. The undergraduate Biology Club has proposed opening a chapter of the National Honor Society for undergraduate research in biology. Beta Beta Beta should begin induction of new members this spring. In addition, the department will make a big splash at the Biennial Marine Mammal Conference in Maui, Hawaii this year. **Dr. Pabst, Dr. Sayigh, Mr. McLellan, Ms. Koster, Ms. Hill, Ms. Nill, Ms Meagher, Ms. Stegall, Ms. Zvalaren,** and **Ms. Barco** will present papers on their research on dolphins, whales, and manatees. **Dr. Steve Emslie** and graduate student **Jenny McDaniel** will travel to Antarctica this spring for their research on penguin rookeries.

Chemistry

The department was fortunate to have **Dr. David White,** an energetic chemist conducting research in organo-metalics, join UNCW this year. He has already been successful in obtaining two grants and has started a very ambitious research program in molecular modeling and laboratory experiments. He has several graduate and undergraduate students working with him. This past summer the department received ACS approval for the B.S. degree in chemistry. More recently, notification was given that the option in biochemistry was also approved by the American Chemical Society. In addition to a general increase in outside funding for chemical research, the chemical education group— including **Dr. Dick Ward, Dr. Jimmy Reeves**, and **Distinguished Visiting Professor J. Dudley Herron**—received over $2,000,000 in funding. They are involved in exploring new and innovative ways of delivering chemistry education through technology with an initial focus on undergraduate education. Dr. Herron is one of the leading authorities in the field of chemical education. **Dr. Ned Martin** organized the successful 4th UNCW Symposium on Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Communication Studies

The department's new entrance requirements took effect with the 1999-2000 undergraduate catalogue. To pursue the B.A. in communication studies, students must pass through an academic gateway that includes a GPA minimum as well as demonstrated competencies in two courses: public speaking and research methods. Two scholarships are now in place for majors. *The Betty Jo Welch Scholarship* has

been established in memory of the program's first coordinator. *The Shirley Gilbert Farr Scholarship* was established to honor the life and contributions of the regional media personality and UNCW alumna. Students **Koyah Alston, Nicole Brusik, Heath Franklin,** and **Thomas Phillips** are among those who have created and produce *The Press*, a weekly television news magazine. Faculty continue to stay active, expanding and developing courses as well as participating in conventions and conferences, including those hosted by the National Communication Association, North Carolina Theatre Conference, Carolinas Communication Association, and Popular Culture Association of the South. **Drs. Carole Tallant** and **Frank Trimble** accompanied students attending the National Black Storytelling Festival and Conference. **Dr. Lou Buttino's** documentary "Honduran Hope" tied for first place in the documentary category in the Broadcast Education Association's national competition. During the Fall 1999 semester two faculty members were cited for outstanding achievement. Dr. Buttino was recognized with a UNCW Faculty Scholarship Award. **Dr. Patricia Comeaux** was the recipient of a Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award.

Computer Science

The department welcomed two new tenure-track faculty members: **Associate Professor Gene A. Tagliarini** from Clemson University and **Assistant Professor Clayton S. Ferner** from the Bell Laboratories of Lucent Technologies, Inc. Two new computing systems have been inaugurated. They are a LINUX-based environment for instruction, and a parallel computer cluster for faculty research. A new laboratory for upper-level students is now in full operation and providing support for both new courses and updating of existing courses. The department continues to recruit faculty to accommodate the explosive growth in demand for computer science. **Dr. Ronald J. Vetter** was invited to deliver the keynote address at a major conference, the Association for Computing Machinery International Symposium on Computing at Torreon, Mexico in November. **Dr. Fletcher R. Norris** was named professor emeritus upon his retirement in June.

Creative Writing

Creative Writing continues to establish itself as a full-fledged, vibrant department. Tentative plans are well underway for what promises to be a very popular undergraduate major and minor. Like the MFA degree, the undergraduate program will be designed to combine studio workshops with courses in literature, aesthetics, fine arts, and the sciences. The department continues to offer high quality literary events to the community. The newly created *King's Road Writers Series* left the gate with an impressive lineup for 1999-2000, including readings by novelist and musician **Clyde Edgerton**, poet **Carolyn Forche**, novelist **Bret Lott**, nonfiction writer **Terry Tempest Williams,** and novelist **Bob Reiss**. The department continues to seek opportunities to aid students and its educational mission. A new scholarship fund has been established and Creative Writing is poised to begin fund-raising in earnest. The successes of alumni and current students alike are being celebrated. **Nancy J. Jones'** book *Molly* is schedule to begin distribution by Crown Publishers in March 2000. **Lavonne Adams'** poetry chapbook *Everyday Still Life* received the Persephone Poetry Prize and was published last summer. **Jean Stanley's** novel, *The Hindu Temple* was accepted this fall for publication by Algonquin Books, as was **Dana Sachs'** memoir *The House On Dream Street: An American Woman's Life In Hanoi.* Other student publications have appeared in such prominent periodicals as the *Virginia Quarterly Review, The Ontario Review, Cimarron Review, Cross Currents*, and *Fourth Genre*.

Earth Sciences

The department welcomed a new geography faculty member, **Dr. Joanne N. Halls**, this fall. Dr. Halls received her Ph.D. at the University of South Carolina in 1996 and comes to UNCW from Research Planning Inc., of Columbia, SC. Her specialties are geographic information processing, scientific analysis, and spatial modeling. Under Dr. Halls' supervision, a new geographic information systems laboratory is being established in DeLoach Hall. The department is also conducting two geography searches this year in the areas of climatology and geomorphology. These searches will replace geography faculty **Drs. Rudi Kiefer** and **Jocelyn Gaudet**, who left the university last spring.

English

Dr. Richard Veit has been appointed as department chair after serving as interim chair since February 1999. Students in the English Club have hosted celebrations in honor of literary figures, including a 'Keats Birthday Party' and a 'Lunch with Milton.' In addition to its traditional literary repertoire, the department is taking a distinctly international outlook. **Dr. Elizabeth Ervin** was invited to spend two

weeks at the University of Oulu in northern Finland, teaching a women's studies course as part of a cooperative program with UNCW. This summer **Dr. Paula Kamenish** will take students to Finland, where, under the midnight sun, she will teach a course called 'Northern Warriors: The Scandinavian Saga.' Kamenish, a European literature specialist, also recently took students to study in Paris. The department is also offering courses in literature from the third-world and emerging countries taught by **Dr. Lindsay Aegerter**, a native of Zimbabwe. Among recent honorees, **Dr. Barbara Waxman** won the 1999 University Award for Faculty Scholarship. Waxman has done important research in the literature of aging, Gothic literature, and multicultural literature. **Dr. Joanne Corbett**, who has retired after 41 years in the department, was honored as professor emeritas.

Foreign Languages and Literatures

This is an exciting time for the department. It is growing and it is moving! Enrollments are up, especially in Spanish. The Spanish section is currently planning a graduate certification program. In addition to teaching foreign language, culture, and literature classes within the department, the faculty continue to be active in a number of interdisciplinary programs on campus, including film studies, Latin American studies, classical studies, and European studies. Furthermore, the department is one of four that will be housed in the new general classroom building with a state-of-the-art language laboratory. This year **Dr. Denise DiPuccio**, chair and professor of Spanish, and **Dr. Alison Murray,** assistant professor of French, joined the faculty. Dr. Murray spent last year in Paris on a Mary Isabel Sibley research fellowship studying at the Ecole Normale Supérieure and the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales while researching her book on the cultural history of French documentary film. **Dr. María Cami-Vela** received a Charles Cahill Award to conduct research on contemporary Spanish female directors. As the recipient of a College of Arts & Sciences Summer Initiative Grant, **Dr. Teresita Parra** completed an article on the Puerto Rican author, Rosario Ferré. Faculty teaching honors include associate professor **Dr. Lori Spicher's** Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award and Distinguished Teaching Professorship.

Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Newly recruited department chair, **Dr. Carl A. Stockton** is excited about the growth and development of HPER programs. Recently the athletic training program was approved for candidacy by the National Athletic Trainers Association. Athletic training programs are required to be in candidacy status for two years to prepare for the accreditation visit, making HPER's scheduled for the fall of 2001. The newly developed exercise concentration curriculum will provide students with the knowledge and skills to be successful in various careers, such as corporate fitness directors, hospital wellness coordinators, or cardiac rehabilitation specialists. Current plans are to develop a community health education concentration and a certificate program in health education. Faculty continue to be professionally active in HPER field. Drs. Stockton and **Mike Perko** were elected to the national board of directors for the American Association for Health Education. New faculty member **Dr. Darwin Dennison** has been active working on several grants, including a recently awarded Charles L. Cahill grant to implement a nutrition intervention program for rural, under-served middle school students. **Dr. John Bennett** was the keynote speaker at the Vermont Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance state convention.

History

The department welcomed long-time faculty member **Dr. Kathleen Berkeley** as chair. **Dr. Larry Usilton** returned to the faculty after four years of chair service. Other faculty highlights include the return from retirement of **Dr. John Haley**, the assumption of graduate coordinator duties by **Dr. William McCarthy**, and the addition of new two faculty members, **Drs. Hal Langfur** and **Virginia Stewart**. Dr. Langfur comes to UNCW from the University of Texas, stepping into the newly created position in Latin American history. Dr. Stewart, from Lake Forest College, is the new director of the public history program. Building upon last year's success the department anticipates a successful conclusion to this year's search for a European historian specializing in the early modern period. The faculty's impressive publication record continues this year with monographs by Drs. Berkeley**, Andrew Clark, Walter Conser**, and **Chris Fonvielle** and journal articles by **Drs.** Clark, Langfur**, Yixin Chen, Michael Seidman,** and **Robert Toplin.** Faculty also serve with distinction. Drs. Conser, Seidman and Toplin sit on advisory boards of regional and national journals. Drs. Fonvielle, Usilton, and **Susan McCaffray** are officers of state and regional historical associations. In addition to her teaching and research activities, Dr. McCaffray is quite busy with her duties as local arrangements coordinator for the annual meeting of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies hosted by UNCW in March 2000.

Mathematics and Statistics

A national search is underway for a new chair for the department. **Dr. Douglas Smith** stepped down from the chair position at the end of fall semester after holding the position for more than 16 years. **Dr. Wei Feng** is serving as the interim chair through the spring semester. The department has been updating its strategic plan by developing strategies for meeting its objectives in enhancing the learning environment, strengthening the graduate program, further developing involvement with other departments, and establishing a statistical consulting center. The department also established a student advisory council consisting of six undergraduate and two graduate student members that has been meeting with the department chair to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Music

The department continues to grow in student numbers each year with the success of its programs and graduates. The fall 1999 enrollment for music majors and minors was up 37 percent from last year and includes a large freshmen class of talented young musicians. Other department news includes a change in degree title for the B.A. in Music, performance option, to a B.M. in music performance. The new degree title allows for better delineation between curricular offerings, which now include a B.A. in music (liberal arts), a B.M. in music (performance), and a B.M. in music (music education). In exciting student news, jazz major **Steven Thorne** was selected as an 'Outstanding College Jazz Performer' by Down Beat Magazine in their 22nd Annual Down Beat Student Music Awards. The magazine received over 2,500 recorded submissions for various categories including college and high school ensembles as well as individual performers. A panel of internationally recognized jazz musicians and educators reviewed each submission and selected the top performances. Department chair **Frank Bongiorno** was recently selected for inclusion in the International Who's Who in Music and Musicians Directory.

Philosophy and Religion

The department continues to be a leader in teaching, research, and service. **Dr. Don Habibi** was the recipient of the 1999 College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Excellence Award. **Dr. Herbert Berg** received a summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities. **Dr. Walter Thomas Schmid** served as program director for a four-part NC Humanities Council grant-sponsored series "Memory and Monuments: Commemorating 1898." Created during a Summer Development Initiative, Dr. Schmid's postmodernism web site has attracted 36,000 visitors so far. **Dr. Walter Conser** continues his research with a book, *Sacred Spaces: Architecture and Religion in Historic Wilmington*. **Dr. Patricia Turrisi** continues as director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, which served more than 1,200 faculty in workshops and other teaching resources last year. She also serves as a consultant on a federal Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) grant project. **Dr. Jim Megivern** continues to speak around the state and the nation on the death penalty, a highlight being his participation in a conference at Emory University with **President Jimmy Carter** and **Andrew Young**. **Dr. Candace Gauthier** is active in the American Society for Bioethics as well as in local health care forums. **Dr. Joe Wilson** is chair of a five-year seminar in Yogacara Buddhist Studies under the American Academy of Religion. **Dr. Carol Thysell** took part in a conference, "Moments of Change, Transformations of Christian Traditions in the West," in Denmark. **Dr. Maurice Stanley** chaired a session on political philosophy at the Bosanquet Conference at Harris-Manchester College, Oxford University, England. The highlight of recent public offerings from the department was the annual B. Frank Hall Lecture given this year by **Dr. Fitzhugh Brundage**, chair, Department of History, University of Florida, a former National Humanities Center fellow.

Physics and Physical Oceanography

This year has seen a number of major changes in the department, including the retirement of two longtime faculty members and the recruitment of a new chair. **Drs. Hildelesa Hernandez** and **Irvin Clator** both retired in June, 1999 after 35 and 29 years of service to the UNCW respectively. Chair **Dr. Curt Moyer**, formerly with Clarkson University, and **Dr. Timothy Black**, a recent graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, are among new additions that also include Visiting Professor **Dr. Emile Bernard**. While teaching continues to be the department's most important activity, there is renewed emphasis on promoting opportunities for undergraduate involvement in research. Helping support such efforts are **Dr. Fred Bingham**, who, with colleagues from biology and chemistry, is the recipient of a NOAA award to monitor coastal waters in the south Atlantic. Dr. Moyer is the recipient of an NSF award to develop multimedia teaching materials for quantum physics. Senior physics major **Michael Muglia** reported the fruits of his research on silicon nitride films at the fall meeting of

the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society (SESAPS) held this year in Raleigh. Still more excitement and challenges are on the horizon, as UNCW prepares to host the SESAPS gathering in November 2003. Dr. Black, whose specialty is nuclear physics, brings some much-needed experimental balance to the program. That balance will be further improved with the addition of another permanent faculty member selected from a national search now underway.

Political Science

Dr. Tom Barth organized a well-attended symposium in November on managing growth in southeastern North Carolina. Entitled "Responsible Growth Through Regional Cooperation: Focus on Infrastructure," the symposium marked a collaboration between the department and Cape Fear Tomorrow, Inc., and drew sponsors from regional corporations and counties. **Dennis Rash**, senior vice president for Corporate Real Estate Services, Bank of America Corporation, delivered the keynote address. In other news, Dr. Barth was elected secretary of the North Carolina Political Science Association, and **Roger Lowery** is associate editor of *The Southeastern Political Review*. **Drs. Stephen Meinhold** and **Lloyd Jones** published their article, "The Secondary Consequences of Conducting Polls in Political Science Classes: A Quasi-Experimental Test," in *Political Science and Politics*. Dr. Meinhold has also been invited to deliver a lecture at the Federal Emergency Management Agency Project Impact Summit in Washington, D.C. **Dr. Remonda Kleinberg** published her book *Strategic Alliances and Other Deals: State-Business Relations and Economic Reform in Mexico*, and **Dr. Lee Johnston** published two articles in *National Biography.*

Psychology

Faculty and students have been active in research and scholarship this academic year. Two psychology faculty members are leaders in major professional organizations. **Dr. Carol Pilgrim** is president-elect of the Association for Behavior Analysis, International. During her tenure, the society will hold meetings in both the United States and Europe. **Dr. Mark Galizio** is president-elect of Division on Behavior Analysis of the American Psychological Association (APA). **Dr. John Cavanaugh,** provost and **Dr. Antonio Puente** are members of the Council of Representatives which governs the APA. **Kim Ramos**, a senior majoring in psychology received a $500 award from the APA Division 20 and the Retirement Research Foundation. This national award will fund her research entitled, "Effects of Age, Depression, and Alzheimer's Disease on Working Memory" under the direction of **Lisa Jenkins** and Antonio Puente. The APA is the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States and is the world's largest association of psychologists. APA's membership includes more than 159,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants, and students. **Ms. Pam Richman**, a May 1999 graduate of the UNCW master's program in substance abuse treatement psychology, received the highest score of any person from North Carolina, doctoral or master's prepared, taking the most recent licensing exam for psychologists. Currently, Ms. Richman is a Licensed Psychological Associate practicing as a staff psychologist at Coastal Horizons in Wilmington.

Social Work

Several faculty have recent notable achievements. **Dr. Karen Sandell** is working with the NC Department of Social Services on two funded projects. One project concerns development of a model child welfare curriculum in the social work programs at UNCW, N.C. State, and Appalachian State for later dissemination to other undergraduate programs in the UNC system. The other involves a joint program with N.C. State University to introduce the use of family group conferencing in child protection services in North Carolina. **Dr. Bob Blundo** contributed a chapter to the newly released *Preserving and Strengthening Small Towns and Rural Communities* and published an article in the *Journal of Gerontological Social Work.* **Dr. Nelson Reid's** book *The Professionalization of Poverty: Social Work and the Poor in the 20th Century* has just been released. **Dr. Karen Bullock** facilitated a think-tank work/discussion group at the First Annual Multi-Cultural Social Work Institute hosted by N.C. State. The 3rd Annual Social Work Student Conference was held at UNCW in the fall, bringing students and notable presenters from across the southeast region. The keynote speaker was **Dr. Roberta Green** from Indiana University School of Social Work. The program accreditation process continued with the faculty working closely with field supervisors and others to complete the initial self-study submitted to the Council on Social Work Education in December. Next step toward full accreditation is a site visit in the spring.

Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice

Faculty continue to make important contributions to university service. **Dr. Richard Dixon** has been appointed

director of Technology College. **Dr. Eleanor Covan** is director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Gerontology is also a recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award. She was recently awarded a grant from the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education for her project, "UNCW Generations Together: Gerontology Service Learning Project." In addition, **Dr. Lynne Snowden** began her first year as president of the Faculty Senate. The department sponsored a guest speaker, **Dr. Stephen Steele**, past-president and co-founder of the Society for Applied Sociology. Dr. Steele's visit was coordinated by **Dr. Jammie Price**, a new faculty member. **Dr. Mike Adams**, returned to the department after spending the past year studying law at the UNCCH School of Law. Several criminal justice faculty have been asked by the U.S. Attorney's office to assist the Wilmington Police Department and the District Attorney's Office as research partners in the development and evaluation of a project to reduce gun violence. Study participants include **Drs. Darrel Irwin, Ron Everett, Randy LaGrange,** and **Cecil L. Willis.** Two sociology faculty, Drs. Dixon and **McNamee** serve on the executive council of the N.C. Sociological Association.

Environmental Studies Program

This year has brought marked growth to the program with nearly 300 majors now pursuing B.A. and B.S. degrees. Given its increasing popularity, **Drs. Jack Hall, Bob Buerger,** and **Bob Cutting** have begun fine-tuning the program to match student wants and needs more closely. This fall they completely revised the B.A. requirements, establishing a new core curriculum that includes environmental economics, law, natural resource management, political science, and geography, as well as adding new electives to both the B.A. and B.S. programs. Internships, which are coordinated by Cutting, continue to increase in popularity with students. Currently more than 70 public, governmental, private, and non-profit organizations and agencies at the local, state, federal, and international levels are accepting interns on a regular basis. For the first time, the EVS program sent students to intern with the Belize Audubon Society, which manages all national parks in Belize. EVS students have also been working on the development of wildlife preserves in several locations. In addition, a new joint degree program option with N.C. State was recently approved. A student choosing this option will receive a B.S. in environmental science from UNCW and a B.S. in environmental engineering from N.C. State. Another first for the program has been the establishment of an EVS trust fund. The program hopes that donations to the fund will eventually provide scholarships for outstanding students.

Film Studies Program

Unprecedented growth in program interest has doubled enrollment in film studies courses and tripled internships at film-related agencies and businesses in the past year. The program welcomed the Wilmington Regional Film Commission as one of the newest intern agency partners. The commission will also assist with an upcoming study of the economic impact of the film industry on the Wilmington area, a joint research project between the college and the Cameron School of Business. A film studies partnership with Screen Gems Studios and the N.C. Department of Labor resulted in the December publication of a 165-page *North Carolina Motion Picture and Television Safety Handbook* for students and professionals. Curriculum planning continues toward the establishment of a B.A. degree in film studies, targeted for implementation in fall 2000. The spring semester has welcomed a new film course for the planned program, Senior Seminar in Independent Production. The course is currently being taught by writer-director **Terry Linehan**, whose feature *Sugarfoot* is being produced in Wilmington and is serving as a case study in film development, fund-raising, and production. Future instructors of this course will also be drawn from resident film professionals whose films are being produced locally.

Museum of World Cultures

Under the leadership of newly appointed director **Dr. Dorie Reents-Budet**, the museum's efforts are focused on student projects at UNCW and on summer internship and research opportunities in the U.S. and abroad. This semester a group of students is curating a special exhibition featuring Colonial Latin American art from the Paul A. Clifford Collection. Dr. Reents-Budet completed her exhibition of ancient Maya art and related public education projects at the Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art in Toronto, Canada, which was voted among the top ten art exhibitions in Toronto during 1999. She also completed three articles for publication: "Classic Maya Conceptualizations of the Royal Court" (invited chapter for *Royal Courts of the Ancient Maya*), "Out of the Palace Dumps: Ceramic Production and Use at Buenavista del Cayo, Belize" (for the journal *Ancient Mesoamerica*), and "More than Methodology: INAA and Classic Maya Painted Ceramics" (invited chapter for a Smithsonian Institution book in honor of theoretical mathematician and nuclear chemist **Dr. Edward Sayre**).

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The College of Arts & Sciences is extremely fortunate to have an active and generous group of benefactors who choose to provide gifts in support of its students, faculty and programs.

Many of these people are committed to helping students financially. They often express this by giving generously to current scholarship and award funds to help students attend and to recognize excellent work at UNCW. In addition, new funds have been established to do just that:

The *Johanna Howerton Rehder Scholarship in Voice* was established by her grandfather, **Henry Rehder**. **Johanna** was a freshman at UNC Wilmington at the time of her death in 1995. The scholarship is given to a voice student because of her great love of singing.

The *John Q. Walker Scholarship in Chemistry* was established by **John** and **Virginia Walker.** It is based on financial need and merit for a chemistry student. The Walkers feel very strongly about helping excellent and promising students who otherwise, for financial reasons, might not be able to attend UNCW to pursue a degree in chemistry.

Dr. Bart and **Peggy Jones** recently established the *S. Bart & Peggy N. Jones Award for Excellence in Analytical Chemistry*. This annual award is given to the student achieving the highest grade in both lecture and lab in Chemistry 435.

In keeping with scholarship funding efforts, two challenge gifts of $5,000 each have been offered to those who decide to give to endow the *Fletcher Norris Scholarship* (in computer science). Professor Emeritus **Fletcher Norris** established the scholarship last year as an annual award. He was so delighted with response that he decided to begin funding an endowment to permanently establish the fund. His gift and challenge match was soon followed by the commitment of alumnus **Kit Cosper** to provide an additional match on monies raised!

Other examples of giving to existing funds is the completion of the funding of the endowment of the *Betty Jo Welch Scholarship in Communication Studies* and the constant expression of generosity by members of the region's medical community who contribute to the *New Hanover-Pender Medical Society Premedical Scholarship.*

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Professor Emeritus **William S. DeLoach**. Dr. DeLoach was a staunch supporter of UNCW and the Department of Chemistry, establishing during his lifetime the Will S. DeLoach Distinguished Professorship in Chemistry, the Will S. DeLoach Endowed Chemistry Fund, and the *Will S. DeLoach Scholarship.* He also provided the annual DeLoach chemistry challenge, matching all unrestricted gifts to the department. He was generous even after his death, leaving a major portion of his estate to benefit the department's students, faculty and programs.

Donors have chosen to make many gifts of art, equipment and other materials to benefit college programs. Individuals such as **Naomi Yopp, Jeanne Davis** and **Jean Willard** provided much needed items to the Department of Art & Theatre, helping students present theatre productions as part of their course work.

Garvin Faulkner, long time friend of the late Wilmington artist, **Claude Howell**, presented three pieces of the artist's work for the Claude Howell Gallery. *Seated Fisherman*, *Three Men on a Shrimper* and watercolor, *Beach at Captiva* are wonderful additions to the university collection.

Beach at Captiva

Paul Clifford, a long time friend of many at UNCW, gave his extensive library to the Museum of World Cultures. It includes hundreds of important and often rare books on Precolumbian, Colonial Latin American, and African art and culture. The gift dramatically increases the opportunity for students to conduct high quality research as part of new courses to be offered by the anthropology and art history disciplines. Part of his reason for making the gift, given in honor of **Dr. Gerry Shinn** and **Dr. Dorie Reents-Budet**, is to inspire others to provide the Museum of World Cultures with gifts of art, but especially financial support.

Companies and non-profit organizations such as **IKA Works, Inc., Applied Analytical Industries, Inc., Home Stay Inn, KOSA, The Italian Heritage Society, Wright**

Corporation, The King's Road, PPD, CP&L, The Reigelwood Community Foundation, IBM, N.C. Biotechnology Center, The Glaxo Wellcome Foundation and others too many to name here continue to support the college's 21 departments and programs.

As the Fall semester was ending, many donors took part in an evening with the Moscow Ballet. This is the second year the company has performed the *Nutcracker* in Wilmington. Many members of the Chancellor's Club attended the ballet and reception following the Friday night performance, in part to support the Department of Art & Theatre trust fund with proceeds from special ticket sales.

Chancellor Jim Leutze meets with members of the Moscow Ballet company

In the last six months, 21% of college faculty gave back to UNCW, often in support of their own departments. While most provide unrestricted dollars, some also gave other gifts vital to students efforts.

Examples of this generosity include the gift of a variety of percussion instruments given to the Department of Music by **Dr. John Rack**, assistant professor, and camera equipment and research materials to the Department of Earth Sciences by **Dr. William Harris**, professor.

Eileen Sahlin
Director

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New Classroom Building...

After much anticipation, the groundbreaking on the new classroom building will begin in March 2000. This building, to be adjacent to Morton Hall, will be the new home for four of the college's departments, providing much needed classroom and office space. The departments of social work, political science, communication studies, and foreign languages and literatures should be able to move into the building by Fall semester 2001.

With its 16 multi-media enabled classrooms, television studio, satellite TV viewing room, computer labs for foreign languages and communications studies, and polimetrics lab, this new addition will greatly enhance the quality of education. UNCW-TV and the film studies program will be housed in the building also.

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